AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 21, page 8 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1 depicts a home page 100 for a collaborative digital media development system website in accordance with the present invention. In this specific embodiment, the website is organized in a manner analogous to a paper filing system in which folders relating to a particular category of features of the system contain documents relating to specific features in that category. The home page 100 provides an entry point for users to the system. A series of tabs 102, 112-116 along the top of the page 100 are available to users who may select a tab 102, 112-116 (for example, by clicking with a mouse, pointer, or other graphical user interface cursor controller such as are well known in the art) to access certain features of the system, described in detail below. These tabs 102, 112-116 are visible and available to the user in all pages of the system website. In addition, the home page 100 includes selectable buttons for three main user activities of the system – visiting a user's personalized home page, the locker ("go to locker" button 104); browsing stories ("browse stories" button 106); and creating stories ("create new story" button 108). Selecting one of these buttons retrieves a corresponding web page.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 1, page 10 with the following paragraph:

The home page 100 of Fig. 1 also includes two additional features in the upper left corner. A clock image 110 displays the amount of time remaining before expiration of a deadline for contribution to be made to a collaborative creation (media artifact) before the artifact is reviewed by a producer to produce a final media product. This process is described further below with reference to Fig. 9. In this instance, the home page 100 also includes a region to the lower left of the clock to display a greeting to ensure that the community member has logged on correctly and to provide information relating to the status of and community activity relating to the user's creations.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 18, page 18 with the following paragraph:

Below the main window 804 is a text entry field 806 in which a user may enter caption text for a collage frame by selecting the field 806 and typing in the text on the keyboard of a computer on which a client of the system is running. Text entry [[fieds]]field 806 may also take the form of word bubbles to indicate dialogue spoken from one character to another, as are commonly found in comic books.